

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by rewriting the following paragraphs, as set forth below in marked-up form.

Please replace paragraph 21, beginning on page 9, line 7, with the following paragraph:

[0021] The present invention also encompasses the means of implementing and operating the application described above. For example, the present invention expressly includes an e-mail filtering and notification application including a STB, connected ~~among~~among a TV content provider, an Internet provider having an e-mail server, and a TV; user-input means for allowing a user to specify e-mail filter criteria and notification icons; retaining and storing means for retaining and storing the criteria and icons; querying means, for querying the e-mail server to determine whether e-mail fulfilling the user criteria has arrived at the e-mail server; and notification means for notifying the user of the arrival by posting the notification icons to the STB.